National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC)

Workforce Preparation, Education and Research Working Group

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Mission

□ Determine what can be done to ensure the current and future workforce is able to meet the nation's needs to secure cyberbased critical infrastructures.

NIAC Workforce Preparation, Education & Research Update

☐ The Study Group continued to meet with Subject Matter Experts to gather more information

☐ K-12:

- Heard from Allison Perkins-Cohen, Executive Director of the Baltimore Curriculum Project regarding Direct Instruction, a method for teaching.
- Also reviewed the National Academies of Sciences report,
 "Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future".
- CyberCorps
- Christine Nickel, Program Manager, Department of Defense's Scholarship for Service Program, National INFOSEC Education & Training Program, presented information on this program similar to CyberCorps.

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Progress To Date

- Continued revision and edits to the following sections of the report and recommendations:
 - CyberCorps
 - Certification
 - Education and Research
 - Kindergarten through 12th Grade

Next Steps

- □Wordsmith and format entire report.
- ☐ Send to Designated Federal Officer for review.
- ☐ Send to NIAC to review 30 days prior to Spring meeting.
- ☐ Have final report and recommendations ready for April NIAC meeting.

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Questions?